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For arties

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Upon completion: Send your top photo by noon Wednesday to redeyetalk@gmail.com with "redeyephoto" in the subject line. Include your name, age, neighborhood and caption.

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BP SPREADS BLAME



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CONTRACTORS SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OIL DISASTER, COMPANY REPORT SAYS

From news services

WASHINGTON A BP investigation of the Gulf of Mexico disaster played down the company's role in the world's worst offshore oil spill, seeking to share the blame with its contractors.

The 193-page internal report made public Wednesday drew fire from U.S. lawmakers and the contractors. BP investigators were unable to identify any single action or inaction that caused the Deepwater Horizon

CAUTION ON FINAL KILL

BP may not start the final kill of its ruptured Gulf of Mexico oil well until mid- to late September, the top U.S. official overseeing the spill response said Wednesday. Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen said BP and government scientists want to evaluate the blown-out Macondo well before drilling resumes on a relief well intended to intercept and kill it for good.

rig to blow up April 20, killing 11 workers and rupturing the well a mile below the surface.

"Rather, a complex and interlinked series of mechanical failures, human judgments, engineering design, operational implementation and team interfaces came together to allow the initiation and escalation of the ac-

cident," the report said.

"Multiple companies, work teams and circumstances were involved over time."

The report highlighted eight key failures that, in combination, led to the blowout of the Macondo well and the subsequent explosion, which unleashed a surge of crude that lasted until the well was capped three months

later July 15, after 4.9 million barrels of oil had leaked into the sea.

Among the accusations:

» Halliburton had used an "unstable" cement mixture that allowed hydrocarbons to leak into the well.

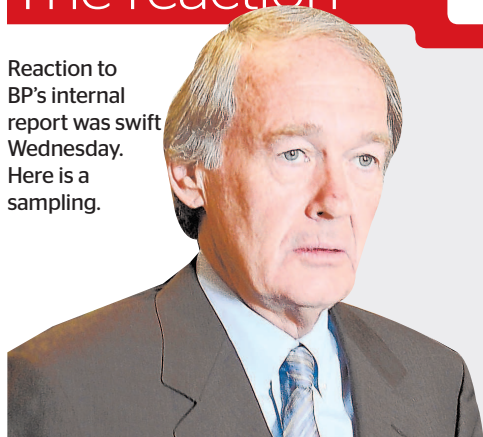
» There was "no indication" that Transocean had tested the automatic shut-off function on the blowout preventer before it was used on the Deepwater Horizon rig.

» The rig crew diverted the flow of drilling mud and hydrocarbons into the wrong system after the blowout occurred.

REUTERS, CNN CONTRIBUTED

The reaction

Reaction to BP's internal report was swift Wednesday. Here is a sampling.



"This report is not BP's mea culpa. Of their own eight key findings, they only explicitly take responsibility for half of one. BP is happy to slice up blame, as long as they get the smallest piece."

—Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass., left), chairman of a House subcommittee investigating the accident

"Any investigation headed up by BP has as much credibility as my 3-year-old daughter's nightly assertions that it's not bedtime yet."

—Gulf Restoration Network spokesman Aaron Viles

"Halliburton remains confident that all the work it performed with respect to the Macondo well was completed in accordance with BP's specifications for its well construction plan and instructions, and that it is fully indemnified under its contract for any of the allegations contained in the report."



—Halliburton company statement

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Where are my Carrie, Miranda and Samantha?

Joe instructed us not to talk about the weather, so that's exactly why I did it.

"It's so hot out today. Oh man. It's H-O-T hot! Are you hot?"

I went on about the weather for about three minutes, before the girl next to me whispered that we weren't supposed to talk about the weather.

There were four of us meeting for drinks at a bar in Wrigleyville. On the surface, we all looked like friends (well, I looked like a foreign exchange student, but one who speaks really good English), but we were all strangers and this was our first friend date, set up by Joe Drake, the mastermind behind **meetjoe.net**, a service based in Chicago that matches you with potential friends (for \$29).

You're probably thinking, "So sad; Jen doesn't have friends." That's a lie. I have one and her name is Connie and she lives on my block. We have both acknowledged that our friendship exists only because of our proximity. But if either one of us moves, you're right, Jen will not have any friends.

When I met Joe, the first thing he told me was, "There is a friend for everyone." Even for weird, smelly people. I asked him not to set me up with one of the weird, smelly people. He told me he couldn't make any promises. I liked him already.

After divulging my secret social phobias, my disdain for mayonnaise and qualities I like or dislike in people, Joe said that he'd go through his database of "potential friends."

While I waited, I began thinking about my friendships. I'm fairly new to Chicago and attend school full time, which makes being social not as convenient as when I lived in L.A. Moreover, I don't drink much, which means I have very few "OMG, I was so drunk last night" stories. I'm more of an "OMG, I was YouTubing 'Alf' reruns last night" kind of girl.

I couldn't stop thinking about my future friends. I excitedly told Connie to get ready to be replaced! We were both so happy for me!

Soon, Joe e-mailed me and told me that I would be meeting three other women for a lazy Sunday afternoon of drinking. He wrote out a few instructions: Don't be late, don't talk about the weather, please show up.

I was nervous; I really wanted them to like me. I called Connie to see if she could help calm me down, but she had already changed her phone number.

For two hours, my new friends and I sipped drinks and discussed everything from cereal to serial killers. Everyone was friendly, but I found myself thinking about Connie. I missed our long walks along the lakefront and all those times we screamed at each other, "I hate you, you bitch!"

The other girls were all nice and down-to-earth, but I realized that at the core, I'm not one of them. I'm one of the weird, smelly people, after all. Connie, please take me back.

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Mayor Daley speaks with City Council members Wednesday. His six-term run as mayor will end next year. JOSE M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE

Weis sure to face fire from candidates

Chicago Tribune

With the violent summer season just behind him, Police Superintendent Jody Weis now faces a new challenge—a campaign season in which his tenure will be hotly debated among a long list of politicians who want to be Chicago's next mayor.

One alderman called for his head just a day after Mayor Daley's decision not to seek re-election. Weis, hired by Daley almost three years ago, has a job until his contract expires March 1.

Weis, a career FBI agent who was the first outsider to head the department in decades, has drawn criticism from the start. Although violent crime has held steady—and is far lower than it was in the early 1990s—many believe the city is too dangerous. Fraternal Order of Police leaders also have argued that morale in the department has sagged under Weis. Some point to sweeping command moves soon after his arrival and his controversial handling of a police brutality case.

On Wednesday, Weis offered a strong defense of his leadership and said he planned to meet with the mayor at summer's end to talk about his future with the city. With Daley's surprise announcement, Weis even held out the possibility of serving under the next mayor.

"I intended to serve through my contract and seek future employment [after] I completed that obligation," he said in an e-mail response. "Plus, who knows? The next mayor may want me to remain in this position, which would be a decision I would have to make at that point and time."



Weis
ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE

Political jockeying begins

Everyone wants a shot at mayor's post, it seems

Chicago Tribune

The post-Daley era in Chicago politics began Wednesday with all of the promise of baseball's Opening Day—no winners, no losers and everyone proclaiming they have a shot at the crown.

With Mayor Daley saying he would not endorse a successor for the Feb. 22 election, the city's various political factions engaged in private meetings and a flurry of phone calls aimed at separating the contenders from the pretenders.

"There will be a lot of candidates," Daley said after his first City Council meeting since announcing he would not seek a seventh term. "Look at the City Council. All 50 are candidates right now. They all want to be candidates for mayor, and why not? This is the best job in America, right here."

In the anteroom behind the City Council chambers, the scene was controlled chaos as more than a dozen aldermen happily stepped out of the meeting to give interviews to anyone who wanted to listen about how they could be the city's next mayor.

PRESIDENT, LINE 1; OPRAH, LINE 2

Mayor Daley says he has been fielding lots of calls since his surprise announcement Tuesday. Some of the biggest have been from President Obama, Oprah Winfrey, presidential adviser David Axelrod and White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, who is considered a likely mayoral candidate.

"They all called and thanked me for 21 years of service," he said. Daley said the decision to quit after 21 years in office was made over time. "I've been talking about this for the last six months, more now the last month and a half."

Amid all the early jockeying, bluffing and bullying, veteran Ald. Richard Mell, (33rd) outlined the nuts-and-bolts reality of mounting a mayoral campaign with only weeks to go before the Nov. 22 deadline for submitting petitions.

"Someone's got to have some serious money. This isn't something you just decide," he said.

Mell also talked about the qualities to look for in a winning candidate—someone who will be a "unifier" and "can't be looked at as looking at one segment of the city."

Many politicians were beginning their assessment by gauging the mood of their political base.

"I don't know if it's as important that it's an African-American candidate as it is

about a candidate that is going to be fair to the African-American community," said Ald. Walter Burnett (27th) head of the council's black caucus, which met in private at the Hotel Allegro across from City Hall.

Latino council members met for lunch and agreed to meet again within the next few weeks, giving potential candidates time to develop a presentation to make to them.

"If there's a Hispanic that runs, he or she will probably get the majority of the Hispanic vote," said Ald. Danny Solis (25th).

Mell and many others expect the field for the February city election will be too fragmented for any candidate to reach the winning margin of 50 percent plus one vote. If there is no outright winner, the top two vote-getters go to an April 5 runoff.

Slim majority wants retrial

Chicago Tribune

A slight majority of Illinois voters who twice elected Rod Blagojevich favors a retrial of the former governor. But a sizable share of voters disagree with prosecutors' decision to bring him back to court to face corruption charges for a second time, according to a new Tribune/WGN-TV poll.

At the end of a summer-long trial, Blagojevich was found guilty of one count of lying to the FBI, which carries a maximum five-year prison sentence. He has vowed to appeal.

At the same time, the jury deadlocked on 23 corruption counts, including those accusing him of trying to sell the U.S. Senate seat once held by President Obama. A lone hold-out juror spared Blagojevich from conviction on many counts, including allegations of racketeering and conspiracy.

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald immediately sought a retrial, now tentatively scheduled to begin in early January.

A slim majority statewide, 54 percent, agreed with Fitzgerald's decision, while 37 percent disagreed. There were 10 percent who had no opinion in the survey of 600 registered voters conducted Aug. 28-Sept. 1. The margin of error was 4 percentage points.

Karen Polin, a Chicago nurse, was among those surveyed who thought a retrial was a bad idea. Even so, she made it clear she had no sympathy for Blagojevich.

"I don't know what we gain from it," Polin said. "He's already a convicted felon. I'd like to see him nailed to the cross, but he's lost his ability to hold office; that's enough for me."

Barry Stoughton of Schaumburg couldn't disagree more. Prosecutors, he said, have a duty to retry Blagojevich.

"I think it is a very reasonable use of taxpayer money because the state will be a laughing-stock if we don't," said Stoughton, who owns a construction equipment parts business.



Rod Blagojevich likely will be put on trial again in January. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Judge aims to protect jurors

A federal judge said Wednesday he once again intends to protect the identities of jurors in the next trial of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich. U.S. District Judge James Zagel took it a step further, saying he wouldn't make the names public until 24 hours after jurors completed their duties, as opposed to last month when he released the names shortly after the verdict

in the initial trial.

Zagel has said he believes identifying jurors only by number reduces the chance of a rogue reporter or blogger trying to contact them while they are hearing evidence. The judge did not fully explain his reasons for a 24-hour delay but suggested he had problems with the way the news media handled inquiries of the jury.

Challenger to Groupon arrives

A New York-based Web start-up specializing in restaurant discounts and reservations is expanding into Chicago, hoping to give restaurateurs and diners an alternative to Groupon. Chicagoans can sign up on VillageVines now, and when the site goes live, members will be able to book a reservation through an online calendar. VillageVines charges \$10 per reservation and typically offers 30 percent off the check.

Police search for CTA assault suspect

Chicago police were on the lookout for a man wanted for criminal sexual abuse in connection with an incident involving a female passenger on a CTA train, police said Wednesday. On Aug. 27, a 19-year-old woman exited a Blue Line train at the LaSalle Street station and was followed by a man who touched her from behind as she rode the escalator, police said.

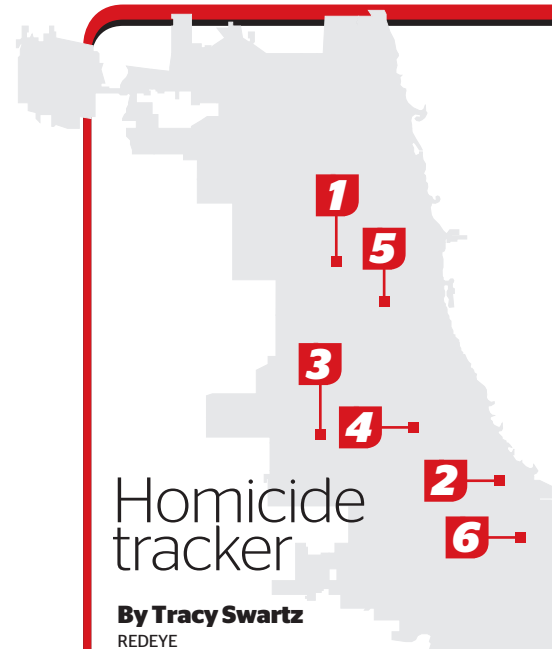
Wrigley plans more statues

Cubs president Crane Kenney tells the Tribune that the organization plans to add more statues of former star players around Wrigley Field. "I think you are seeing the beginning," Kenney said. "The statues are popular with our fans, and they certainly are a great way to pay tribute to living players that helped put us on the map."

White House names Asian carp czar

The White House has tapped a former leader of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources as the Asian carp czar to oversee the federal response for keeping the invasive species out of the Great Lakes. John Goss will lead the nearly \$80 million federal attack against Asian carp, the White House announced Wednesday.

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Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

West Lawn, a Southwest Side community area that rarely sees homicides, recorded four homicides in one day last week, police said.

Four men ages 25 to 32 were shot to death Sept. 2 in the 6100 block of South Kildare Avenue, according to officials.

West Lawn has seen one other homicide this year, which also occurred last week, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found. A 24-year-old man was shot Aug. 31 in the 6700 block of South Tripp Avenue and died the next day, police said. West Lawn saw one homicide each in 2008 and 2009, according to police data.

Citywide, fatal shootings were recorded in East Garfield Park, Englewood, Greater Grand Crossing, South Chicago and South Lawndale in the past week, RedEye found. The victims ranged in age from 16 to 38, and two of the victims were female, according to officials.

Ten homicides have been recorded so far this month. Police recorded 40 homicides in September 2009. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

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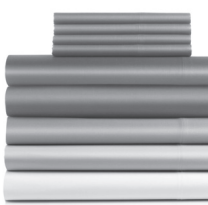
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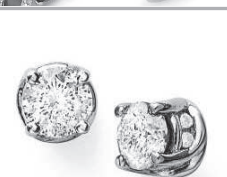
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Obama: Recovery 'slow'

1 President Obama said Wednesday in Parma, Ohio, that he recognizes that the nation's economic recovery has been "painfully slow," and he called on Congress to enact measures to cut taxes for businesses and middle-income Americans while letting rates rise for the richest taxpayers. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO**

Asteroids buzz Earth

A small asteroid passed within the moon's distance from the Earth on Wednesday morning, and another was expected to do likewise later in the day, space watchers said. The double encounter is an unusual event that shows the need for closer monitoring of near space for Earth-threatening encounters, according to NASA.

Google's educated guesses

2 Google unveiled a set of enhancements to its Internet search engine Wednesday that predict search queries as users type, promising to speed up the time it takes to find information online.

Threat found on plane

3 Authorities on Wednesday were looking for the person who left a message on a plane lavatory mirror indicating a bomb was on board a Thai Airways flight en route from Bangkok to L.A., where the plane landed safely Tuesday night.

Morgan lands CNN gig

CNN says Piers Morgan of "America's Got Talent" will replace Larry King on the network's prime-time lineup in January. Morgan, a veteran journalist who hosts a popular interview program in Britain, will do a similar show for CNN.

Iran suspends stoning

4 Iranian authorities have suspended the execution by stoning of a woman convicted of adultery, the foreign ministry said Wednesday, after weeks of condemnation from around the world.

THE DIGIT

\$7.36

That's how much China will fine people caught smoking in offices, conference halls, elevators and certain other public spaces during November's Asian Games.

4 missing in wildfire

5 **BOULDER, Colo.** Cloud cover, cooler temperatures and a little bit of rain assisted firefighters battling a wildfire west of Boulder, authorities said Wednesday.

Four people remained unaccounted for, authorities said at a late afternoon news conference.

"We can hope weather factors will be a positive influence on helping firefighters getting some more work done," said spokeswoman Laura McConnell of the Rocky Mountain Incident Management Team.

Authorities initially had reports that 20 people were missing, said Sarah Huntley, a spokeswoman for Boulder's Office of Emergency Management. Sixteen of them subsequently were located.

HOW THE FIRE STARTED

Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pelle said Tuesday that his department was investigating a report that the fire might have started when a car hit and ruptured a propane tank.

Of those still missing, some "were people who did not evacuate," Boulder County Sheriff's Office Cmdr. Rick Brough said.

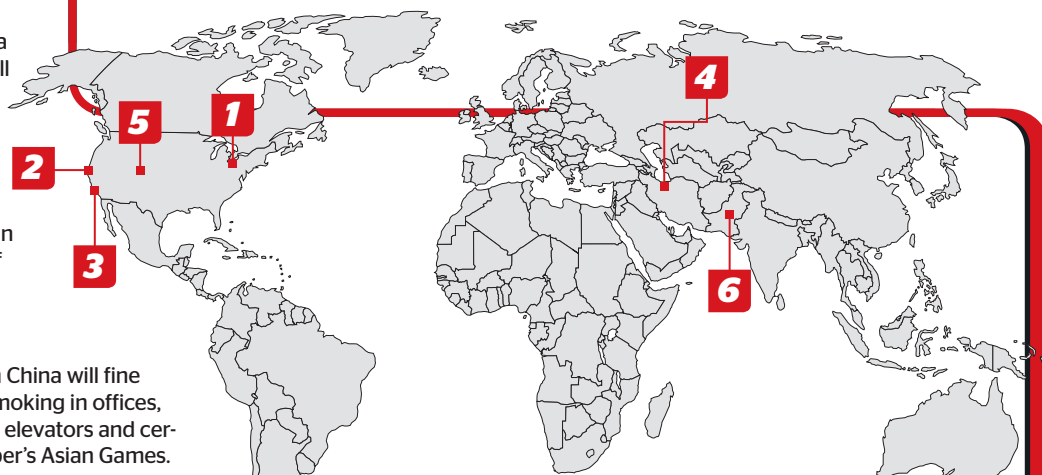
Police were contacting their relatives and also were conducting welfare checks at their homes, Brough said.

About 140 structures, including residences and other buildings, were destroyed, Brough said. Twenty-four were damaged.



Pakistanis protest

6 Pakistanis block a road Wednesday in Sukkur as they protest shortages of relief aid to millions who have been displaced by flooding. **GETTY IMAGES**



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HotPeppers

Bears' prized offseason pickup adds Pro Bowl spice to the defensive line

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Julius Peppers made a sweet first impression on Bears fans in March when he purchased 25 bottles of \$350 Champagne for club-goers at Crescendo in River North after he signed with the team.

His first impression on the field has been more sobering. In the preseason's four games, Peppers collected two sacks. Against Oakland, he had five tackles and forced a fumble. Yet the Bears lost all their preseason games, and the defense appeared troubled and inconsistent.

So no more Champagne—for now. “Maybe in February after we win the Super Bowl,” Peppers said last month at training camp.

High expectations aren't new for the 30-year-old defensive end, who signed a six-year, \$91.5 million deal with the Bears—adjusting to a new city and team is. The Wilson, N.C., native played eight seasons with the Carolina Panthers after playing basketball and football for the University of North Carolina. Although he's a newcomer to the Bears, Peppers and his coaches have said they expect him to elevate the level of play in Chicago.

Peppers had 81 sacks in his time with the Panthers, and he was part of the 2003 team that reached the Super Bowl, losing to the New England Patriots, 32-29. Peppers, a five-time Pro Bowler, often is lauded for his athleticism and versatility.

“He's about as complete of a defensive end as you'll see,” Bears coach Lovie Smith said last month. “He's a scholarship player that we're

going to keep around here for a while.”

Peppers plans to stick around for a while too. He said his new teammates haven't hazed him “too much” and he's “adjusting well” to living in Chicago.

After his Crescendo party, Peppers was hard to miss on the Chicago scene—and not just because he's 6-feet-7, 280-plus pounds. He was spotted at James Hotel's Jbar, The Shrine, Le Passage, Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak and Stone Crab, Gibsons Steakhouse, ESPN Zone and Rumba—all in the first few weeks of arriving in Chicago.

That's a pretty impressive start for a guy who considers himself to be low-key. Peppers insists he's not a regular club-hopper like some athletes who have found themselves mainstays in gossip columns and on TMZ. He told RedEye he has one focus: Football.

To prove the point, he said he's even given up basketball, though he was a forward on the Tar Heels team that made it to the Final Four in 2000. Peppers averaged 5.7 points and 3.7 rebounds per game in his two seasons with UNC.

“I stay to myself. I eliminate a lot of clutter from my life. I don't really try to be on the scene,” said Peppers, who lives in Highland Park. “I still go out to dinner. I go out to the club occasionally, but I try to surround myself with good people in a small circle of friends that look out for my best interest.”

Peppers isn't relying just on friends. He said the Bears fans “have been great. ... They show a lot of support even though I'm new here.”

One group of fans who immediately flocked to Peppers: UNC graduates living in Chicago.

“We're happy to have him here,” said Jimmy Kimball, 29, of Streeterville, a 2003 UNC grad and Panthers fan. “Everyone I talk to back home is really bummed that he left. ... He was the biggest thing down there.”

Indeed, many of the postings on Peppers' Facebook page are Carolina fans lamenting his departure. There are only a few Bears fan posts welcoming him to Chicago. But unlike Chad Ochocinco or other ostentatious football stars, Peppers isn't speaking through Facebook, the media or Twitter.

“I would prefer to have my play and my performance to do the talking. My body of work—you're going to get to see it on the field,” Peppers said. “I'm really not going to say a lot about it. I'm not going to do a bunch of talking. I'm going to go out, work hard every day and try to be a great example to my teammates.”

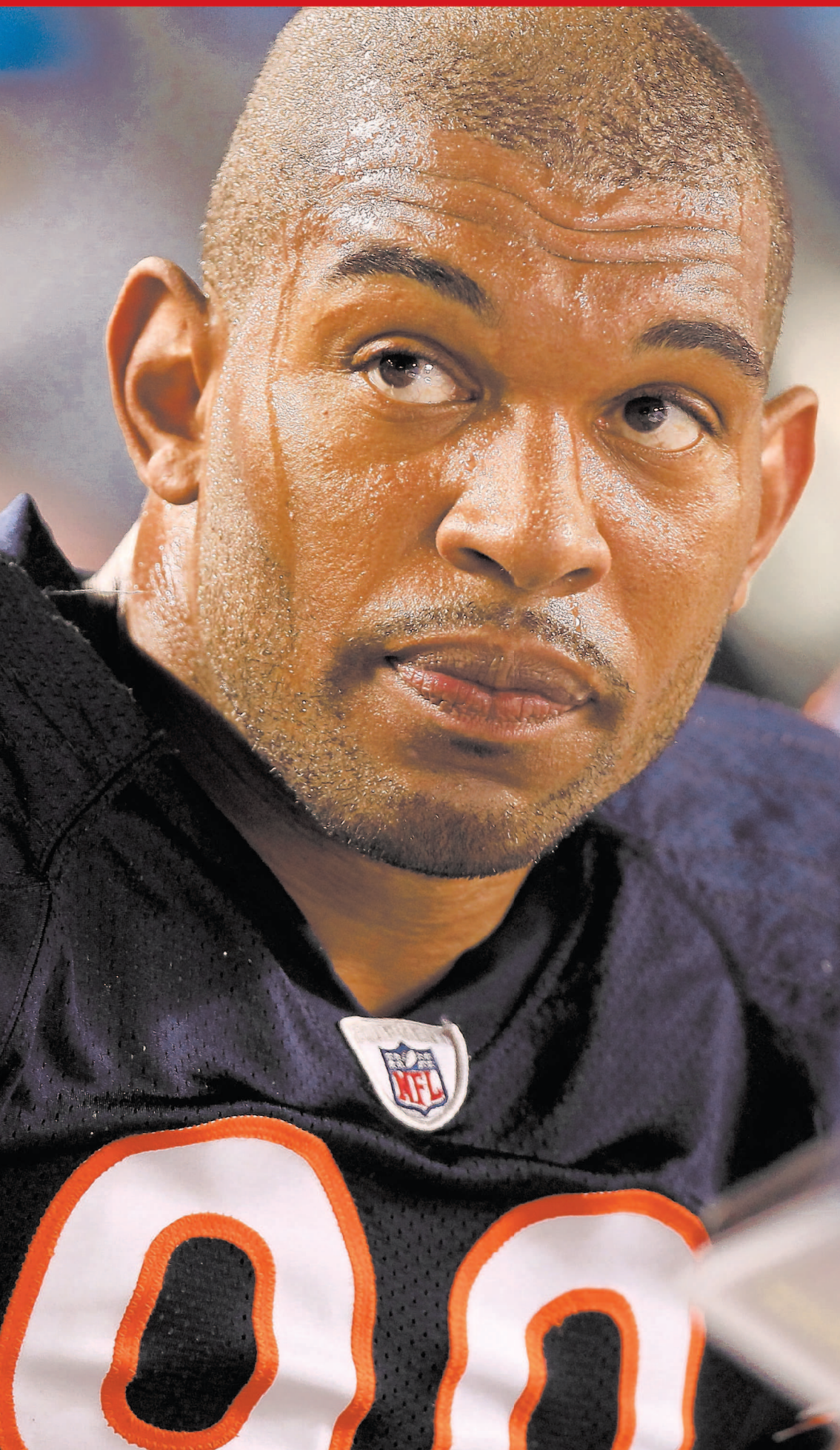
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“He's a scholarship player that we're going to keep around here for a while.”

—Bears coach **Lovie Smith**, on Julius Peppers

The Bears hope Julius Peppers continues his pattern of double-digit sacks. **CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE**





LIGHTNING ROUND

Julius Peppers gave RedEye five minutes after practice at training camp. Here are his answers in the lightning round. —T.S.

Cubs or Sox?
“Neither.”

Blackhawks? “Not really. I’m not from here. I’m new here. Maybe one of the teams will grow on me. I’ve been to a Sox game. I’ll support all the teams. But I don’t claim to be a real fan yet.”



Favorite quarterback to sack?
Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford (above) “because he’s the next one up.”

Carolina vs. Chicago: “Football-wise, the [Bears] franchise is more storied.”



Taken the CTA?
“No. I haven’t yet. I might one day just to see how it is.”

Your fantasy begins here

After a headache-inducing preseason, it’s no wonder I’ve been clocking long hours in the fantasy clinic. We’re a heartbeat away from the start of the regular season, but big fantasy news has been springing up almost every day—the Arizona quarterback situation, the Housh effect, the Big Ben suspension—whew! Here are some of Dr. Fantasy’s recommendations to help you sort through the madness:



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CRUSHES

Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh quarterback: If you’ve got a decent backup who can give you a month of production (Chad Henne, Matthew Stafford), Big Ben will earn you big numbers when he comes back from his suspension.

T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Baltimore wide receiver: Many owners cut Housh after the Seahawks waived him—bad move. It took only a day for T.J. to land with the Ravens. Joe Flacco has a lot of weapons in Baltimore, so don’t expect Housh to put up No. 1 receiver points, but he’s a nice flex option.

Zach Miller, Oakland tight end: Never thought I’d recommend a Raider again, but Miller had an above-average year in ‘09. Expect even more now that Jason Campbell is the QB in Oakland.

CRASHES

Brett Favre, Packers quarterback: Dear Brett, after watching Kanye West apologize to Taylor Swift, I felt it was time for me to do the same for you. I’m sorry I didn’t believe in you last season when you threw for 33 touchdowns and seven picks. But between your iffy ankle, shaky receiving corps and 10 billion miles of wear, I still don’t trust you.

Matt Leinart, Houston quarterback: If you’re getting waived and the other options are Derek Anderson and an undrafted rookie out of BYU, it’s time to hang up your spikes and become the full-time reality TV star you’ve always wanted to be. Waive Leinart immediately.

Bears defense: They’re being overrated after the Julius Peppers pickup. The rest of the unit is old, injured or just not very good. It not 2006 anymore. The Bears’ D is toothless.

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1 What's your nickname for Julius Peppers?	"Mr. Rosenberg."	"The Invisible Mustache." The best nicknames need (have) no explanation.	Is "Our Lord & Savior" taken?	"Peppers, Dr. Orange Julius."	"Julius, Seize Her." Because all Bears opponents are sissies.
2 Peppers is to the Bears as lipstick is to a pig.	... peanut butter is to the CTA. Adding something good doesn't automatically solve all existing problems.	... bacon is to a BLT—the only thing worth showin' up for.	... a Lamborghini is to a bald, 60-year-old man driving around Rush and Division.	... a Band-aid is to a severed jugular vein.
3 Why does the NFL start its season on a Thursday?	BECAUSE I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL SUNDAY!	Snickers, snicker, Brett Favre sarcastic comment, retirement etc.	Because "Grey's Anatomy" is on hiatus. Duh.	So that the NFL can make more money.	Because Sunday is a holy day. Not a holy [bleep] day.
4 The White Sox need a secret weapon to catch the Twins. What is it?	Mass forfeits.	A rubber chicken, a donkey and super glue. And MacGyver to make that into a weapon.	A bullpen.	Mayor Ozzie Guillen and Coach Daley.	The ability to grow a pair. Fast.
5 What would it say below a statue built in your honor?	"He came for the bourbon, he stayed for the hookers."	"You can't prove he never played that obscure professional sport you've never heard of."	"Yeah, we know. She's taller in person."	No inscription needed, the bust speaks for itself.	"Still waiting for the Cubs' World Series title."

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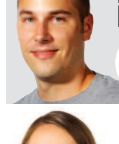





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 Dana Mortensen  Illinois @danamarie26	... Taylor Hicks winning "American Idol." No one really cares, and it won't matter in a week.	Sadly, we don't have one—but I'd rather not have a mascot than it be a nut.
 Jim Hoff  Indiana @jfhoff	... when Nebraska starts playing in the Big Ten. It'll be shocking, but it's destined to happen!	A hoosier is someone from Indiana. It's simple really, but many Purdue fans can't seem to grasp it.
 Tony Gatz  Iowa @tonygatz	... a bad pickup line. Serious intentions at first, but doomed to fail eventually. Week 4 in our case.	Herky's named after Hercules, so he's half-man, half-god and half-bird. And can beat up your mascot.
 Victor H. Soto  Michigan @vicsoto	... the Buckeye football team being No. 1 academically. Hahahahahahaha.	The Wolverine is known for its incredible strength and ferocity. You'd also have a hard time finding one in Michigan.
 Julie Adamski  Michigan State @JulieTheresaE	... seeing Halley's Comet. Only comes around every 76 years.	Sparty's daily meals consist of wolverine, badger and buckeyes. Hey, those massive muscles need protein!
 Bekki Chapman  Minnesota @bekkijc	... the Cubs leading their division. Give it time and they'll be back toward the bottom again.	The 1985 Goldy Gopher was designed too fierce for Minnesota Nice; in 1986 he was happy and cuddly again.
 Campbell Roth  Northwestern @soupgirl	... eating deep-fried butter at the Indiana State Fair. You're left feeling confused and icky.	Willie the Wildcat likes to wow the crowd with a very unironic dance to "Big Willie Style."
 Brad Obermeyer  Ohio State @SirBardley	... a non-Richard Daley serving as mayor of Chicago.	Brutus Buckeye survives off a diet of nothing but raw wolverine flesh.
 Ian Patrick  Penn State @NittLion78	... letting your 3-year-old brother get the "H" first in a game of H-O-R-S-E.	Santa Claus, Easter Bunny, Nittany Lion: One of these is fictional.
 Andrea Bailiff  Purdue @acbailiff	... Mike LaFontaine from the movie "A Mighty Wind": "Wha' happened?!"	Transformers! Engine mechanic morphs into a car that looks like a train! Or a giant marshmallow man!
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Tiger and the other guys

The PGA "playoffs" roll into Lemont this week, with \$10 million up for grabs for the golfer leading the FedEx Cup point standings after next week's event in Atlanta. But first, the contenders must deal with Cog Hill. Here are five golfers to watch.



Charley Hoffman
Surfer-lookin' dude shot a final-round 62—with 11 birdies—to win last week. He's suddenly second in FedEx Cup points. "Goals have changed," he said. "I'm right in contention for that \$10 million [top prize]."



Matt Kuchar
He won the last USGA championship event at "Dubsdread," the 1997 U.S. Amateur, and has fired a 69 or better in 18 of his past 23 rounds. If he wins the \$10 million, he joked he would feel like an NBA player.



Phil Mickelson
Can a man win on a course he seems to despise? In 12 tries, "Lefty" has more missed cuts (two) than top 25s (one). He played 63 stellar holes last week at TPC Boston, then stumbled home with a back-nine 41.



Steve Stricker
Illinois alum got a career boost with his triumph at the '96 Western Open and said Cog "feels like home." But Stricker is no fan of the slopy and ridge-filled greens: "They're somewhat different, to put it nicely."



Tiger Woods

He seems incapable of stumbling here. Most know he has triumphed five times at Cog Hill, but he also has two seconds (2005, 2006) and two additional top 10s (1998, 2004).

» NFL season ticket sales declined for the third straight year as teams struggle to get fans to the stadium in a weak economy. Depending on final numbers, sales will be down between 1 percent and 2 percent, according to the league.

» Serbia knocked defending champ Spain out of the basketball world championship Wednesday when Milos Teodosic made a 3-pointer with 3.1 seconds left for a 92-89 quarter-final victory.

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■ **The American** (R) 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
■ **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
■ **Ty Story 3** (G) 5:20 P.M.
■ **The Kids Are All Right** (R) 7:40, 9:45
■ **Inception** (PG-13) 7:00, 10:00
■ **Resident Evil: Afterlife** (R) ★ 12:00 Midnight

FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th., Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

■ **Going the Distance** (R) 11:05, 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:15
■ **Takers** (PG-13) 10:35, 11:35, 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 6:45, 7:45, 9:20, 10:20
■ **Machete** (R) ♦ 10:45, 11:45, 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
■ **Piranha 3D** (R) ♦ 10:30, 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 9:55
■ **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) 11:00, 12:15, 1:25, 2:45, 3:45, 4:55, 5:55, 7:15, 8:15, 9:35, 10:30
■ **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) 11:50, 2:35, 5:00, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:25
■ **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) 11:15, 1:50, 4:20
■ **The Expendables** (R) 11:25, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
■ **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) 10:55, 1:00, 3:05, 5:10, 7:20, 9:45
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) 10:30, 12:50, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
■ **Step Up 3** (PG-13) 4:45, 7:35, 10:10
■ **Ty Story 3** (G) 11:30, 2:05

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street
(312) 846-2800

■ **Valhalla Rising** (NR) 6:15, 8:15
■ **Alamar** (NR) 6:15 P.M.
■ **Tommy** (PG) 8:00 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

■ **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) 2:05, 4:15, 6:25, 8:40
■ **Salt** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:10, 6:15, 8:20
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10
■ **Ty Story 3** (G) 2:05, 4:15, 6:25, 8:30

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

■ **Lebanon** (R) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
■ **Cremaster Cycle: Program A** (NR) 8:00 P.M.
■ **Cremaster Cycle: Program C** (NR) 5:00 P.M.

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

■ **We Are Family** (NR) 2:40, 6:10
■ **AMC Independent Mao's Last Dancer** (PG) 4:50, 7:30
■ **AMC Independent L'affaire Farewell** (NR) 2:10 P.M.
■ **AMC Independent The Wildest Dream: Conquest of Everest** (PG) 4:40 P.M.
■ **AMC Independent The Concert** (PG-13) 4:30 P.M.
■ **AMC Independent I Am Love** (R) 2:00, 7:00
■ **The Girl Who Played With Fire** (R) 1:30, 7:15

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago
(888) AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

■ **Resident Evil: Afterlife** 3D (R) 12:01 A.M.
■ **Going the Distance** (R) ♦ 11:35, 1:10, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50, 6:15, 7:25, 8:55, 10:00
■ **Resident Evil: Afterlife** (R) ♦ 12:01 A.M.
■ **Machete** (R) ♦ 11:25, 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00
■ **The American** (R) ♦ 11:15, 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:55
■ **Takers** (PG-13) 11:00, 12:35, 1:55, 3:10, 4:40, 5:50, 7:30, 8:40, 10:30
■ **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) ♦ 11:25, 12:30, 1:50, 3:05, 4:25, 5:45, 7:00, 8:25, 9:25, 10:35
■ **Piranha 3D** (R) 11:30, 1:40, 8:45
■ **Avatar: Special Edition 3D** (PG-13) 11:10, 2:40, 6:05, 9:30
■ **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) 4:15, 6:55, 9:30
■ **The Switch** (PG-13) 11:10, 2:05, 4:35, 7:35, 10:20
■ **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) 11:05, 1:45
■ **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) 9:15 P.M.
■ **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 11:05, 2:10, 5:15, 8:20
■ **The Expendables** (R) 11:45, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:40
■ **The Other Guys** (PG-13) 11:35, 2:15, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20
■ **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
■ **Dinner for Schmucks** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 10:05
■ **Step Up 3D** (PG-13) 6:45, 9:20
■ **Inception** (PG-13) ♦ 11:20, 2:35, 5:50, 9:00
■ **Salt** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) 11:15, 1:30, 4:05, 6:40

SHOWPLACE VILLAGE CROSSING (AMC)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #2309

■ **Going the Distance** (R) 10:45, 12:20, 1:30, 3:05, 4:15, 5:50, 7:00, 8:35, 9:45, 11:00
■ **Machete** (R) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
■ **The American** (R) 10:25, 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:15
■ **Takers** (PG-13) 10:15, 11:35, 1:00, 2:25, 3:45, 5:20, 6:40, 8:10, 9:30, 10:50
■ **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 8:50, 9:40, 11:00
■ **Piranha 3D** (R) 10:40, 1:15, 6:15, 8:40
■ **Avatar: Special Edition 3D** (PG-13) 10:35, 6:20
■ **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) 10:20, 3:10, 8:15
■ **The Switch** (PG-13) 11:05, 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
■ **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) 10:00, 12:35, 3:15, 6:00
■ **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) 12:40, 10:40
■ **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 10:00, 1:05, 4:20, 7:40, 10:45
■ **The Expendables** (R) 11:30, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:25
■ **The Other Guys** (PG-13) 11:00, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20
■ **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) 11:50, 5:35, 10:55
■ **Inception** (PG-13) 10:05, 1:25, 4:55, 8:20
■ **Salt** (PG-13) 2:50, 8:25

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

■ **Resident Evil: Afterlife** (R) Advance Tickets Available
■ **Easy A** (PG-13) Advance Tickets Available
■ **Ty Story 3 3D** (G) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10
■ **Piranha 3D** (R) 7:40, 9:50
■ **Machete** (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
■ **Going the Distance** (R) 12:20, 1:15, 2:45, 3:40, 5:15, 6:30, 7:45, 9:10, 10:15
■ **The American** (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
■ **Takers** (PG-13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45
■ **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) 1:40, 3:50, 6:00, 8:10, 10:20
■ **The Switch** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
■ **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:00
■ **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
■ **The Other Guys** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
■ **Inception** (PG-13) 6:50, 10:05

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1646

■ **Going the Distance** (R) 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:25
■ **Machete** (R) 1:55, 4:45, 7:20, 10:10
■ **The American** (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
■ **Takers** (PG-13) 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00
■ **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) 12:15, 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 8:45
■ **Piranha 3D** (R) 8:15 P.M.
■ **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:05, 6:30, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30
■ **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) 1:40, 4:40, 7:15
■ **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20
■ **The Expendables** (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
■ **The Other Guys** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40
■ **Despicable Me** (PG) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30
■ **Step Up 3** (PG-13) 9:50 P.M.
■ **Ty Story 3 3D** (G) 12:45, 3:15, 5:45

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

4779 W. Cermak, Cicero
(800) 326-3264 #1644

■ **Going the Distance** (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20
■ **Machete** (R) 1:00, 2:10, 3:45, 4:45, 6:15, 7:30, 9:00, 10:15, 11:45
■ **The American** (R) 1:40, 4:15, 6:45, 9:10, 11:40
■ **Takers** (PG-13) 12:30, 1:45, 3:15, 4:30, 6:00, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45, 11:00
■ **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 5:50, 7:00, 8:15, 9:15, 10:30, 11:30
■ **Piranha 3D** (R) 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30
■ **Lottery Ticket** (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
■ **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) 3:00 P.M.
■ **Vampires Suck** (PG-13) 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:20, 11:20
■ **The Expendables** (R) 12:50, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45
■ **The Other Guys** (PG-13) 1:05, 3:40, 6:10, 8:40, 11:10
■ **Step Up 3** (PG-13) 5:30 P.M.

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

Clark & Roosevelt, South Loop, Chicago
(312) 564-2104

■ **Bran Nue Dae** (PG-13) ★ 12:01 A.M.
■ **Going the Distance** (R) ★ 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
■ **Machete** (R) ★ 1:30, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
■ **The American** (R) ★ 12:30, 1:40, 3:20, 4:20, 6:00, 7:00, 8:40, 9:45
■ **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) ★ 2:20, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
■ **Piranha 3D** (R) 2:10, 7:40
■ **Takers** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
■ **The Switch** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:45
■ **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:15, 10:20
■ **The Expendables** (R) 2:30, 5:15, 8:10, 10:50
■ **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) 10:25 P.M.
■ **The Other Guys** (PG-13) 2:40, 5:10, 8:00, 10:40
■ **Get Low** (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30
■ **Salt** (PG-13) 4:50, 10:00
■ **Inception** (PG-13) 3:00, 6:30, 9:55
■ **Despicable Me 3D** (PG) 12:50, 3:40
■ **Ty Story 3 3D** (G) 1:20 P.M.
■ **Avatar 3D** (PG-13) 2:50, 6:15, 9:40

VIP Premium 21+

■ **Bran Nue Dae** (PG-13) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 12:01 A.M.
■ **The American** (R) ★ **VIP Premium 21+** 12:30, 1:40, 3:20, 6:00, 8:40

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

■ **Going the Distance** (R) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
■ **Machete** (R) ★ 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
■ **The American** (R) ★ 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
■ **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:45
■ **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 1:00, 3:55, 6:50, 9:45
■ **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) 7:10, 9:35
■ **Get Low** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
■ **Inception** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:40, 7:45

EVANSTON

CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123

■ **Avatar: Special Edition 3D** (PG-13) 1:05, 4:20, 8:10
■ **Going the Distance** (R) 11:25, 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
■ **Machete** (R) 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15
■ **Mesrine: Public Enemy Number One** (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
■ **Resident Evil: Afterlife** (R) 12:03 Midnight
■ **Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D** (R) 12:02 A.M.
■ **Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D** (R) 12:01 Midnight
■ **Eat Pray Love** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:55, 7:05, 10:30
■ **Flipped** (PG) 7:40, 9:55
■ **Get Low** (PG-13) 11:25, 1:55, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35
■ **Mao's Last Dancer** (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:10
■ **Mesrine: Killer Instinct** (R) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:25
■ **Nanny McPhee Returns** (PG) 11:40, 2:15, 4:55
■ **Piranha 3D** (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20
■ **Scott Pilgrim vs. the World** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
■ **Takers** (PG-13) 11:35, 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:00
■ **The American** (R) 12:00, 1:15, 2:35, 3:50, 5:20, 6:40, 8:00, 9:20, 10:40
■ **The Expendables** (R) 12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:35
■ **The Last Exorcism** (PG-13) ♦ 11:30, 1:40, 4:00, 6:15, 8:30, 10:45
■ **The Other Guys** (PG-13) 11:35, 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
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Booze blitz

Kick off football season with Bears game-day shuttles, bashes and deals

By Greg Walker

Forget all that talk about whether Jay Cutler's recent canoodling with reality star Kristin Cavallari will affect his game. Let's talk about football. The Bears home opener is just a few days away, bringing with it the fresh hope of a new season. Whether the team does us proud or leaves us crying in our beers, we've got a lineup of winning drink deals and speedy game-day shuttles to kick the season off right.

Bears bar showdown!

With the help of your nominations, we launched a sports-bar bracket tourney facing off your 32 favorite Bears bars. After four weeks of voting, the championship pits Old Town classic **Joe's** (940 W. Weed St.) against Streeterville standby **Timothy O'Toole's** (622 N. Fairbanks Ct.). Log on to chicago.metromix.com/bears to vote and see results from the tourney's earlier rounds.



GAME-DAY SHUTTLES

Harry Caray's Tavern Wrigleyville

3551 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-327-7800

Cost: \$10 round trip; \$15 includes a brunch entree

Details: Leaves one hour before kickoff. Purchase your ticket at harrycarays.com.

Reggie's Music Joint

2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120

Cost: Free

Details: Bus trips start 90 minutes before kickoff and continue as needed.

Morgan's Bar & Grill

1325 S. Halsted St.
312-243-4800

Cost: Free

Details: Leaves 30 minutes before kickoff, taking the first 50 fans at the bar.

Timothy O'Toole's Pub

622 N. Fairbanks Ct. 312-642-0700

Cost: \$10

Details: Leaves 75 minutes before kickoff and includes Miller Lite cans for riders. Slots can fill up quickly, so call to make a reservation up to a week in advance.

O'Donovan's

2100 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-478-2100

Cost: \$10

Details: Leaves 90 minutes before kickoff and includes Coors Light for riders. First come, first served.



THE TICKER

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Nightlife news at
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» New nightclub **Proof** (1045 N. Rush St.) opens in the old Level address at 10 p.m. Thursday.

» Craft beer and sausage bar **Bangers & Lace** (1670 W. Division St.) aims to open sometime next week.

» The basement at **Pops for Champagne** (601 N. State St.) reopens as cocktail parlor Watershed on Sept. 16.

» In case you were looking for an excuse, September is **National Bourbon Heritage Month**.



KICKOFF BASHES & GAMEDAY DEALS

Casey Moran's

3660 N. Clark St. 773-755-4444

Pig meets pigskin at this Wrigleyville bar's kickoff barbecue. Head to the backyard beer garden for a pig roast (\$10) and drink specials such as \$16 Miller Lite buckets and \$5 Jack Daniels cocktails. Barbecue-themed giveaways include a mini-grill and grilling tools.

When: 10 a.m. Sunday

Jimmy Green's

825 S. State St. 312-386-9000

The staff at this slick new South Loop sports bar is ready for its first Bears season, poised to pour \$7 jumbo Ketel One bloody marys and \$18 pitchers of Jeremiah Weed sweet tea vodka-spiked lemonade. Score the popular grilled steak sandwich with hand-cut fries for \$6.95 (usually \$10.95).

When: All Sunday game days

Crew Bar & Grill

4804 N. Broadway, 773-784-2739

Indulge yourself at this Uptown bar with \$12 beergarita or mimosa pitchers or go the more standard route with a Miller Lite pitcher (\$9.50).

When: All Sunday game days

The Pony

1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055

Bear down at this TV-plastered Lakeview bar with \$5 22-ouncers of Miller Lite and the \$9 Tailgating Pack, a platter of ribs, baked beans and potato salad.

When: All Sunday game days

Sopo Lounge

3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-880-0100

Budget-minded Bears fans should head to this Southport staple, where \$12 buys you your first beer and an all-you-can-eat brunch featuring steak and eggs, French toast and Belgian waffles. Other deals include \$3 Tiger or Estrella Damm lagers and \$5 mimosas and bloody marys.

When: All Sunday game days

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The Situation

THU 'JERSEY SHORE' VIEWING PARTY

Uncle Fatty's Rum Resort

2833 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-477-3661

Watch the MTV reality show's second season on a 10-foot projection screen. 9 p.m. No cover before 9 p.m.; \$5 after.

THURSDAY NIGHT TEASE

Joie de Vine

1744 W. Balmoral Ave. 773-989-6846

Girlie-Q presents lesbian-themed burlesque, drag king and variety performances by founder Ms. Bea Haven and other artists. 10 p.m. \$5.

FRI FLASHBACK FRIDAYS Circuit

3641 N. Halsted St. 773-325-2233

DJ Digi Dave spins retro hits. 9 p.m. No cover.

SAT PACKS AND PIGS Old Town Social

455 W. North Ave. 312-266-2277

Cheer on your favorite college football team with \$12 six-packs of canned beer and a pig roast. 11 a.m. Prices vary.

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FEST FLASH

German-American Festival

When: 7-11 p.m. Friday; noon-11 p.m. Saturday; noon-10 p.m. Sunday
Where: Lincoln and Leland avenues
Entry: Free
Get there: No. 49 Western bus; Western Brown Line "L" stop

The basics: Lincoln Square kicks off the fest season each spring with Mayfest, so it's fitting that the 'hood also closes it down. The fest turns 90 with German fare and steins of beer, plus traditional music, folk dancing and the 45th annual Von Steuben Parade (2 p.m. Saturday) stepping off at Irving Park Road and Lincoln Avenue and ending at the fest grounds. 630-653-3018.

Don't miss: A keg-tapping on Friday night launches the fest. See more German-American Fest photos at metromix.com.



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MORE FESTIVALS

FREE Renegade Craft Fair
 Browse indie wares from more than 300 crafters and artists at the eighth annual DIY extravaganza. Don't miss marching bands Mucca Pazza (Saturday) and Environmental Encroachment (Sunday), plus food, beer and wine vendors. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Damen Avenue and Division Street. 773-727-8149. Vendor list: renegadecraft.com

Wells Street Fall Fest
 It's undergone a few makeovers in its eight years, but here are the basics: Vendors sell food, wine and beer; a juried show features 60 artists; and there are three live music stages with bands Cowboy Mouth, 16 Candles and Lounge Puppets (Saturday) and 7th Heaven, Kashmir and Modern Day Romeos (Sunday), among others. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday. \$5 donation. Wells Street between North and Evergreen avenues. 773-868-3010.

FREE Festival de La Villita
 Celebrate Mexican Independence at the 21st annual fest in the Little Village neighborhood, featuring live music, DJs, food vendors,

arts and crafts and more. On Sunday, the fest doubles as the end point for the 26th Street Mexican Independence Day Parade, stepping off at noon from 26th Street and Albany Avenue. 6-11 p.m. Friday (carnival only), noon-11 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 26th Street and Kostner Avenue. 773-868-3010.

Windy City Wine Festival
 Wine lovers congregate in Grant Park and swoop in on more than 250 labels up for tasting. Tickets include 10 samples; buy an addition 10 for \$5. Food vendors are on hand, plus live music, cooking demos and more. 4-10 p.m. Friday; 3-9 p.m. Saturday. \$25-\$35. Buckingham Fountain, 500 S. Columbus Drive. 877-772-5425.

Best of the rest

It's a busy fest weekend. Go online for complete details on this weekend's 79th Street Renaissance Fest, Beyond the Coyote, Lakeview East Festival of the Arts, Lincoln Park Art Faire and Ukrainian Village Fest.

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THURS • \$2 All Bottles • \$2 Domestic Drafts
• \$5 All Bombs
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SUN • \$2 All Bottles • \$9 Vodka Lemonade Pitchers



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Platter • \$7 22oz Collectible Beast of the East Mugs with Coors
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SUN • Brunch Menu Offered Until 3pm • \$16 Bud Family Buckets
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• \$4 Bloody Marys
• \$4 Svedkas
SUN
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• \$4 Bloody Marys



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SUN
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MON
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SUN • \$3 Call-Its • \$4 bloody marys
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MON • \$2 Bud or Bud Light Bottles • \$3 Import
Bottles • BOGO Apps



950 W. Webster
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SAT • \$8 Bud Light Drafts in 32oz Mugs
• \$6 Bloody Mary Bar
• Brunch from 10am-3pm
SUN • \$6 Bloody Mary Bar
• Brunch from 10am-3pm
MON • \$1 Tacos • \$1 Bud Light Drafts



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3358 N. Sheffield
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SAT - Wisconsin Football • \$7 Domestic Drafts in
32oz mugs • \$5.50 Bloody Mary Bar • Brunch from
10am-3pm
SUN - Vikings Football • \$15 Buckets of Bud Family
Bottles • \$5.50 Bloody Mary Bar • Brunch from
10am-3pm
MON • \$3 You-Call-Its • 1/2 Off Appetizers • Trivia



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• \$5 Bloody Marys • \$5 Mimosas • \$5 Mojitos
SUN • \$5 Bloody Marys • \$5 Mimosas • \$5 Mojitos
MON • Half-Off Select Wine Bottles and Glass Pours



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SAT & SUN
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• \$5 Monitor Tots
• \$5 Mini Burgers (3)
• \$5 Mac N' Cheese Bites



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SAT • 32oz Wisconsin Mugs for \$5. \$6 to Fill with
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SUN • \$7 Build-Your-Own Bloody Mary Bar
• \$5 Jim Beam Cocktails



1501 N. Dayton
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Gameday Specials
• \$2 Rolling Rock Drafts
• \$5 Bomb Shots
• \$8 Rolling Rock Pitchers
• \$12 Coors Light Buckets
• \$2 Mini Burgers
• \$5 Cheese Pizzas
• \$6 Half Price Single Topping Pizzas



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2721 N. Halsted
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THURS • \$2 All Bottles & Domestic Drafts • \$5 Martinis
• 1/2 Off All Food 5-7pm
SAT • \$3 All Bottles & Drafts • \$10 Bud/Bud Light Pitchers
• \$3 Burgers
SUN • \$2 All Bottles • \$4 Mimosas & Bloody Marys
• 1/2 Off Appetizers
MON • \$1.50 Domestic Bottles • \$2 Imports
• \$3 Grey Goose Drinks • 1/2 Off All Food 5-7pm



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MON • \$12 Full Slab of Ribs • \$3 Craft Beers
• \$12 Miller Lite Buckets



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MON • \$6 Bud Light Pitchers



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\$1 domestic bottles; 3660 N. Clark St. 773-755-4444.

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\$2 domestics, \$3 well drinks, \$4 bombs, \$5 Miller High Life pitchers, \$4 chicken fingers and mozzarella sticks; 2445 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-8306.

DELILAH'S

\$3 Bushmills shots and Hobgoblin pints, DJs spin 9 p.m.; 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.

DUKE OF PERTH

50 cent wings; 2913 N. Clark St. 773-477-1741.

EVIL OLIVE

\$2 High Life cans, \$4 Svedka cocktails; 1551 W. Division St. 773-235-9100.

FAT CAT

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HACKNEY'S

\$4 Hofbrauhaus half-liter drafts; 733 S. Dearborn St. 312-461-1116.

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cans; 1059 N. Wolcott Ave. 773-486-1512.

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\$5 signature cocktails, \$10 fried chicken dinner; 3463 N. Broadway. 773-472-0493.

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Half-price pizzas; 46 E. Superior St. 312-664-0100.

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UNION PARK

\$3 Jameson shots, \$5 domestic pitchers and bombs, \$5 burgers with fries; 228 S. Racine Ave. 312-243-9002.

VICTORY LIQUORS

\$1 domestic bottles, \$4 Absolut cocktails; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600.

WITTS

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NIGHTCRAWLERS

SEEN ON THE SCENE AT ... Vintage Lounge, 1449 W. Taylor St.

Located in a '20s-era building in University Village, Vintage Lounge may look retro, but on a recent visit, the DJ pumped remixes of the latest hits. **BY CRAIG SEYMOUR**



Steve Ewing
27, performer

So, what kind of performing do you do?
I'm a dancer-actor-singer. I performed in "Wicked" that was here last.

What's your favorite musical?
Probably "Wicked." I don't actually watch a lot of them.

What made you get into it?
In middle school I went to a little arts camp by mistake and I ended up liking it. And I've been hooked ever since.



Jessica Eakins
22, stylist

What's your fashion forecast for fall?

Classic is making a comeback. Clean and classic.

Which celebrity has the best style?

Jennifer Aniston. She just always has a clean and polished look, never outdated.

What's the one thing a person can buy to change their look?

Jackets are always the best way to spice up an old outfit.



Sergio Giovagnoli
27, painter

Do you paint canvases or houses?

Houses. Commercial. Big buildings.

How do you get into something like that?

You gotta know somebody. Good money, but you work your ass off for it.

What are you drinking?

A Peroni, an Italian beer. It's got a sweet taste to it. I think it's better than all the rest of the beers. And they have it. Not all bars have it.

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Two-piece snarls

Mark Swank of scruffy rock duo Chew Heart answered our Chi-Tunes questionnaire in the "about" section at chicagonow.com/chi-tunes. Do the same and your band could appear in RedEye and Metromix!

What makes your live show great?

We're a two-piece [band], so we have to play extra hard to make up for the lack of band members. If it's half as fun to watch as it is to play, our live set should make for a good time.

Describe your sound in five words or less.

Messy Snarls

Tell us something random about the band and why that's significant.

We started making music six years ago after I gave Laura (Granlund; guitar, vocals) my old 4-track as a birthday present. She started recording songs right away, using pots and pans as drums. It was amazing and I knew we had to start a band.

Whom would you want to work with, and with whom would you never work? Why?

If we could go back in time, it would be amazing to work with Phil Spector in the mid-'60s. It would be cool to hear our songs drenched in his classic "Wall of Sound." I wouldn't want to work with T-Pain. Auto-Tune really needs to go away.

If the band were a '90s sitcom character, whom would it be and why?

Elaine Benes from "Seinfeld." She had the best dance moves.



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Unicycle Loves You

"Mirror, Mirror"

(Highwheel Records)

Despite a playful name that conjures images of sun-soaked carnivals and the magical, inanimate-objects-sprung-to-life world of Pixar cinema, these Chicago pop-rockers actually get darker and weirder on their impressive sophomore effort. Take the title cut: On its surface, the dreamy tune is a jangly slice of surf-pop filtered hazily through Mazzy Star. But

the lyrics, woozily delivered by singer/bassist Nicole Vitale, are far more fractured and restless.

Just a quick glance at the song titles hints that something's amiss: "Evil Twin," "The Wickedest Man in San Francisco," "Evil Unmasked." ... "Teenage Ghost House" takes listeners even further down deserted back roads with spooky organ, dense brambles of guitar, and singer/guitarist Jim Carroll's detached vocals. It's not all darkness, though, as welcome light seeps through the cracks on "Quagga," a propulsive tune built around a spiky synth line and Vitale's airy, optimistic vocals. "When it comes," she sings, "it'll be just like the first time." —ANDY DOWNING, SPECIAL TO METROMIX

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Dear diary, these vampires are hot

Sara Canning knows there's a simple reason "The Vampire Diaries" became a huge hit for the CW last year.

"The thing with our vampires is they're not difficult to fall in love with," Canning, who plays a human, Jenna, told me during a recent phone interview. "They're not these hideous beings. They're easy on the eyes."

She's talking, of course, about Ian Somerhalder and Paul Wesley, who play vampire brothers Damon and Stefan Salvatore. Romantic Stefan is dating Jenna's niece, Elena (Nina Dobrev), whom bad boy Damon also desires. Damon can't really help it, because Elena looks exactly like Katherine, the vamp temptress who turned the brothers into bloodsuckers.

If you thought Katherine returned with a vengeance in last year's finale, wait until you see the trouble she stirs up for Elena and the brothers in Season 2. You'd think matching wits with a vamp more evil than he is would make Damon a little nicer, right?

"I wouldn't say that," Canning teased. "You're going to see a major betrayal of trust with Damon. It really changes his relationship with a certain character."

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Maggie Q loves weapons

Maggie Q claims not to have trained enough to play the assassin "Nikita." One of her co-stars might not agree.

"I gave a guy a black eye by accident—kinda cool, right?" she joked during San Diego Comic-Con. "He didn't duck. ... He's still in the pilot, but he had more of a role."

Q plays the title character in the action series, a bold departure for the CW, which programs mostly teen dramedies. "Nikita" is anything but. The "broken teenager" was yanked from prison by a shady U.S. agency called Division and trained to be a killer. Now she's escaped that life and wants to shut down Division, which means declaring war on her former bosses—and ex-lover.

"It's a classic revenge story," Q said. "She unravels a very tangled web that's been weaved for these people. By choice or by chance, it still happened. There's some unrequited love, which chicks love—I love—and a lot of weapons, a lot of fighting."

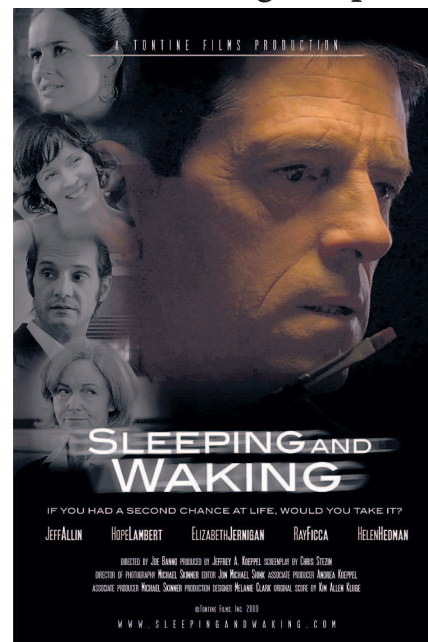


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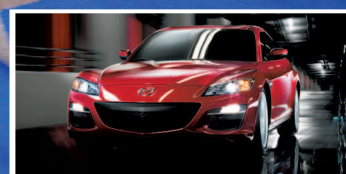
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ACROSS

- 1 Mr. Linkletter
- 4 Pigsty dinner
- 8 One known for his fables
- 13 Noisy, black bird
- 14 Bridge crosser's fee
- 15 Camel's smaller cousin
- 16 One of the 12 Tribes of Israel
- 17 Violent anger
- 18 Slightly more than a quart
- 19 Too valuable to be measured
- 22 Pen contents
- 23 Separated
- 24 Enthusiastic
- 26 In the __, ahead
- 29 Einstein, for one
- 32 Warble
- 36 Pleasant
- 38 Controversial rights org.
- 39 Nevada city near Lake Tahoe
- 40 Fragrant wood
- 41 Sugar plant
- 42 Vanished __ thin air
- 43 Possesses
- 44 Book of maps
- 45 Ukrainian port
- 47 76ers or 49ers
- 49 Respond to a stimulus
- 51 Of the skin
- 56 Touch lightly
- 58 Tennessee city
- 61 Scrub
- 63 Boast
- 64 Hubbubs
- 65 Obsolete
- 66 Erie or Huron
- 67 Fender blemish
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- 69 Peepers
- 70 Underhanded

DOWN

- 1 Stadium
- 2 Name for a dog
- 3 1960s dance

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- 5 Rich soil
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- 8 Assert without proof
- 9 Inventor Whitney
- 10 Ironical; lampooning
- 11 Harbinger
- 12 Buena __, CA
- 13 Cut coupons
- 20 Relate
- 21 Beer
- 25 Make laws
- 27 Once more
- 28 " __ We Almost Have It All"
- 30 Arm bone
- 31 Takes to court
- 32 Threesome
- 33 Tear apart
- 34 Come between
- 35 Not tight
- 37 In __, lest
- 40 Team director
- 44 Prayer closing
- 46 Holy
- 48 Maxims
- 50 Eating surface
- 52 Highways
- 53 Replica
- 54 Intense pain
- 55 Go on and on
- 56 Amts. of vanilla extract to add
- 57 "There's more than one way to skin __"
- 59 Waiter's item
- 60 Snatch
- 62 Mexico's neighbor

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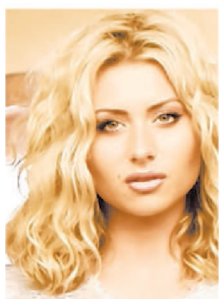
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By Emily Rosenbaum Maka and Georglia Garvey

REDEYE

The CW's new series "Hellcats" is all about hot college cheerleaders, but star Aly Michalka (left) insists there's more to it than that. "It's not about cheerleaders looking sexy and shaking pom-poms all the time. It's about the competitive aspect, how dangerous it is and the fact that these girls are counting on each other to bring it when they're out there on the field," Michalka tells tvguide.com.

The fact that they are wearing very tight, very skimpy outfits is beside the point, clearly. Perhaps we've misjudged other TV series.

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Miss Snooki goes down

Girl got told. A New Jersey judge overseeing Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi's disorderly conduct hearing Wednesday told the "Jersey Shore" star that she is a "Lindsay Lohan wannabe," TMZ reports. The judge also said the pint-size guidette was "rude and self-indulgent" (obviously he is a fan of the show) and sentenced her to two days of community service and a \$533 fine.

It's Jay-Z's world

Jay-Z might need to bring a wheelbarrow to the BET Hip-Hop Awards next month. Hova led the pack with 10 nominations, the network announced Tuesday. The awards show, hosted by comedian Mike Epps, will take place Oct. 2 in Atlanta and will air Oct. 12 on BET.



'TRUE' IDENTITY

Regina King is irritated that "True Blood" star Rutina Wesley was identified as her at the Emmy Awards, but Wesley is taking it in stride. "It's funny to me that we would be mixed up, as we look nothing alike," Wesley said on "The Wendy Williams Show" on Wednesday. In a heated blog entry on the Huffington Post last week, King vented her frustrations over only 53 non-white actors being nominated for Emmys in the top four acting categories in the history of the awards. King went on to complain that a photo of Wesley was tagged as being her.



Chicago's his kind of town

In town to talk about his feature directorial debut, "Jack Goes Boating," Oscar-winning actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, who recently spent time in Chicago while directing "The Long Red Road" at the Goodman Theatre, had plenty of praise for the city. "Every time I'm here, it's so powerful and so beautiful," he told Metromix's Matt Pais. "Just aesthetically. It's utterly unique that way. How San Francisco is, in a totally different way. Or New York is, in a totally different way."

'Seven' up

MTV is getting a little Chicago radio flavor. Q101 DJ Kevin Manno will co-host "The Seven," a weekday show that will broadcast from Times Square beginning Sept. 27, [thr.com](#) reports. The half-hour show will report seven stories of the day. Manno will share hosting duties with Julie Alexandria, a pop culture and sports fan who hosts the East Coast-based cable show "Mets Weekly."

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